

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 18, 2009**

**PRESENT:** Dennis Farrell, Sara Carpenter, Ed Cohen, Missy Kueht-Becker, Jim Pearson, Barb Holtz, Wes Jarrell, Brianna Duffy, Sarah Matson, Antwayne Robertson, Diane Ripple, Faith Holley-Beal, Claire Dalle Molle, Judy Hickey

**STAFF PRESENT:** Antwayne Robertson, Jesus Mireles, Peter Slesar, Eve Altizer

Jim Pearson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Next month's meeting will be presented by Polina Makievsky at La Casa de Esperanza. Directions to follow.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ed Cohen made a motion, seconded by Sara Carpenter to approve the minutes of May 21, 2009. The motion was voted on and carried.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORT**

Dennis Farrell provided the Board Liaison report in Joe Vitale's absence. Dennis touched on the presentation by the CAFSAC members that was made to the Health and Human Services Board back in April. The presentation was good and well received by the Board. Dennis explained the process once all information and letters are received from the public hearing; and then presented to the County Executive in May. The HHS budget review days are scheduled for July 22, July 23, and July 24 a.m. if needed. From there the HHS Board's 2010 budget recommendations go through a variety of subcommittees and get finalized in October/November once approved and accepted by the County Executive. Dennis noted that the topic of a county sales tax continues to be discussed at the HHS meetings, and the health issues with the H1N1 are concerning especially with the upcoming fall.

Jesus Mireles noted that with the anticipated reduction in funding, \$2.2 million, the Department has begun to talk to policy makers and begun the process of evaluating contracts and services and how we can meet those targets. Hopefully, the Governor may find some funding to help fund some of these programs. However, HHS Management is currently evaluating and looking at how we can meet those targets. The Department will be communicating with our providers and staff about reductions, as limited funding is available to sustain what services we are currently providing. Jesus noted that this is an example of the State mandating the service and shifting the costs to the counties on where to find the funding to cover those unanticipated expenses and then how do we provide that same level of service with adjustments throughout the department.

**ISSUE SEGMENT – ADDICTION RESOURCE COUNCIL**

James Pearson introduced Brianna Duffy. Brianna is the new Community Outreach Specialist for the Addiction Resource Council. She provided a brief overview on some of the main

programs and services: Driver Safety Program, Stop and Think, Addiction: Get Your Loved One Sober, and Freedom from Smoking.

A 24-Hour Crisis Help Line is a resource which is available for people who are suffering with addiction themselves, or for people who have a loved one affected by addiction. The Council along with the Mental Health Association maintains this helpline and receives an average of 700 calls per year. The top three main concerns for callers are: Opiates, Supportive Listening, and Alcohol. There is a concerning trend with alcohol and marijuana abuse for children under the age of 21. In 2008, 7 ½% were under the age of 21 getting OWI's.

The Addiction Resource Council also does outreach participation in community agencies, committees, networks, emergency detention assessments at the Mental Health Center, and also assessments for residents of homeless shelters and the Women's Center.

A question and answer period followed. The next session of "Get Your Loved One Sober" will begin on July 6<sup>th</sup> at ProHealth Care in Mukwonago.

## **PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH**

Eve Altizer provided brief announcements on:

Wisconsin Families Ties 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Day – July 7, 2009 at Mount Olympus Water and Theme Park, Wisconsin Dells. Again this year we are able to provide a coach bus for transportation through fundraisers. Cost is \$11.00 per person and includes a picnic lunch and access to the water and theme park. Registration deadline is July 2, 2009.

The Parent Support group for families that include a child with emotional, behavioral or mental difficulties meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Goodwill in Waukesha. New members are encouraged.

The Partnerships for Children's Mental Health and the Department of Health and Human Services has formed a multi-system workgroup. The workgroup is looking at ways of addressing and serving families better in the different systems/levels of care (i.e., mental health, juvenile justice, child welfare.) This workgroup meets on a monthly basis. Another new initiative is Trauma Informed Care; how trauma affects the brain and behavior. A team of individuals attended a two day training that was run by Dr. Bruce Perry.

The Children Come First Conference is November 16-17, 2009.

Wisconsin Family Ties has designed several music videos with the Figure Heads featuring facts about children's mental health. The website is [isanyonelistening.org](http://isanyonelistening.org).

The 2008 Waukesha Child Adolescent Emergency data, which is compiled by our 51.42 Board, provided an overview of what is going on in the county with children's mental health and emergency detentions.

## **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

The next meeting of the Special Needs Subcommittee meeting will be in July.

Jesus Mireles shared a handout on a number of changes that have occurred or are being discussed with the Family Support Advisory Committee regarding Waukesha County's management of the Family Support program. The Department is looking at combining some of the efforts, including duplication of services and how to draw down the federal match so that we are not using just county funding, making it a best fit program financially so that children are safe and nurtured.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dennis Farrell announced that the Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch Program was named #1 in the United States by the National Sheriff's Association. This is quite an honor and Dennis will be traveling to Fort Lauderdale to receive the award.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on July 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at La Casa de Esperanza, 410 Arcadian Avenue in Waukesha.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Barb Holtz made a motion, seconded by Diane Ripple to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)